

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (Dec. 1876?)

bring up so much to prove Great Britain is better than America. I don't know but what you are right in some things — Our politicians are a disgrace, our Indian policy is a blot nothing can wipe out, and altogether we are guilty of many sins from which immaculate England (!) is free. Yet in spite of all, we have done much that is noble, much that is good and generous, which even Britain cannot surpass. The English are proverbial for their high opinion of their country, which nothing can decrease while it is getting too common for cultivated Americans to repudiate their country. I think whatever our rulers do we are still Americans, and as such are bound to uphold them all we can, and while deploring their errors, hide and excuse them to foreigners. I have tried to do so with you, and you must excuse me if I have seemed rather boastful sometimes. You say you would rather look on the bright and best side of things, why can't you help me to find it in this case, instead of showing me the shadows?

Hoping to see you Sunday.

With kindest regards, Sincerely yours, Mabel G. Hubbard. (first part of letter missing)